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OR90-384

Dear Mr. Peck:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 9078.

We have considered the exception you claimed and have reviewed the documents at issue. In Open Records Decision No. 561 (1990), this office overruled OR89-386, the decision upon which the requestor relies in seeking the information at issue here, and made clear that a law enforcement agency is not required to contact the Department of Justice to obtain and correlate the names of investigated officers or complainants with Department of Justice numbers in response to such a request. See Open Records Decision No. 561 at 8-9. See also Attorney General Opinion JM-672 (1987); Open Records Decision No. 342 (1982).

You indicate you have attempted to identify or produce the information sought as identified by the requestors. Under Open Records Decision 561, you are not required to acquire new information from an extrinsic source in order to comply with the request. You may wish to seek clarification from the requestor concerning the request. See Open Records Decision No. 304 (1982).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a

published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-384.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision Nos. 561, 342, 304
Attorney General Opinion JM-672

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